

To: Whitley, Christopher[Whitley.Christopher@epa.gov]
From: Belknap, Andra
Sent: Tue 3/11/2014 7:05:32 PM
Subject: Re: KMOX requests phone interview

Got it.

From: Whitley, Christopher
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 3:01:22 PM
To: Belknap, Andra
Subject: RE: KMOX requests phone interview

Our Regional Administrator, Karl Brooks, has declined to respond to KMOX's questions regarding the Congressional delegation's letter and the region's conversations with the Corps of Engineers—beyond offering the attached desk statement. For the moment, it's all we're authorized to provide.

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From: Belknap, Andra
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 1:58 PM
To: Whitley, Christopher
Subject: Fw: KMOX requests phone interview

Hey Chris -- received these follow ups from KMOX yesterday. Do we have any updates we can share on our conversations with the Army Corps? Q's below...

Is the EPA in talks with Army Corps about a working relationship on the West Lake Landfill?
(That's what we're hearing is going on from the Missouri Coalition from the Environment.)

What would the EPA like to see happen going forward?

Also we're hearing reports, again from Missouri Coalition for the Environment, that someone is conducting a telephone push poll in southwest Missouri asking people if they think the radioactive debris would be best left capped and in place in Bridgeton. Is the EPA conducting this poll? Any information on who's behind it?

From: Killeen, Kevin A <kakilleen@kmox.com>
Sent: Monday, March 10, 2014 4:59:01 PM
To: Belknap, Andra
Subject: RE: KMOX requests phone interview

Andra,

Thanks for the email statement. Are you still hoping to get me an interview?

Kevin

From: Belknap, Andra [Belknap.Andra@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, March 10, 2014 4:09 PM
To: Killeen, Kevin A
Subject: Re: KMOX requests phone interview

Kevin -- a statement attributable to EPA re: the WSJ article is below.

EPA has no information to support the assertions of this piece.

EPA headquarters and regional representatives regularly participate in meetings of the National Remedy Review Board (NRRB). Collaboration between Superfund experts across the country helps inform effective decision-making.

It's important to note that conditions in the Bridgeton community remain protective of human health. EPA and its partners are committed to ensuring that the community is protected from the nuclear waste that was dumped illegally at West Lake four decades ago.

From: Killeen, Kevin A <kakilleen@kmox.com>

Sent: Monday, March 10, 2014 3:36:16 PM
To: Belknap, Andra
Subject: FW: KMOX requests phone interview

From: Killeen, Kevin A
Sent: Monday, March 10, 2014 3:33 PM
To: belknap.andra@eap.gov
Subject: KMOX requests phone interview

Andra,

Thanks for calling me back. KMOX wants to get the head of Region Seven on tape answering a few basic questions. We do so many stories on the landfill with opponents of the EPA gladly giving us tape that I feel it's time for the EPA to raise its profile above the standard email response.

Here are my questions:

Is the EPA in talks with Army Corps about a working relationship on the West Lake Landfill? (That's what we're hearing is going on from the Missouri Coalition from the Environment.)

What would the EPA like to see happen going forward?

What's the EPA reaction to the Wall Street Journal article?

Also we're hearing reports, again from Missouri Coalition for the Environment, that someone is conducting a telephone push poll in southwest Missouri asking people if they think the radioactive debris would be best left capped and in place in Bridgeton. Is the EPA conducting this poll? Any information on who's behind it?

thanks,

Kevin Killeen

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